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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of education to distribute information on obtaining a library card and a library card application to all students.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter one of chapter two of title three of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-209.1 to read as follows:

§ 3-209.1 Distribution of library card application materials. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

1. “Department” shall mean the department of education.

2. “Public library systems” shall mean the New York Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Borough Public Library.

3. “School” shall mean any public school in the city of New York under the jurisdiction of the department of education that contains any combination of grades from and including kindergarten through grade twelve.

b. The department, in consultation with the public library systems, shall develop written or electronic materials containing information regarding each public library system and how students can obtain a library card. At a minimum, such written or electronic materials shall include: (i) a description of the public library system; (ii) an application for a library card; and (iii) instructions on how to obtain a library card. Such written

or electronic materials shall be produced and distributed by the department to each school for distribution to every student of such school upon his or her entry into kindergarten, grade six and grade nine and to every student upon his or her entry into a school as a new student.

c. The department shall ensure that written or electronic materials developed pursuant to subdivision b of this section are provided to all schools in sufficient quantity to satisfy the requirements of subdivisions b and d of this section.

d. The department shall ensure that such written materials are available in the main or central office in each school for students and parents who wish to obtain such materials.

§2. This local law shall take effect one hundred twenty days after its enactment.